

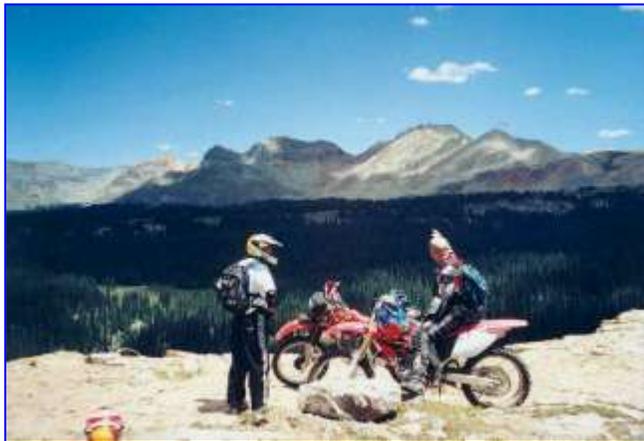
5 – MOTORIZED TRAVEL RULE CHANGES



Motorized vehicles are an appropriate use of public lands, however, without responsible use, they can damage natural resources. New regulations are aimed at curbing irresponsible use of motor vehicles on public lands. Motorized vehicles will now be restricted to designated routes. The changes are designed to reduce natural resource damage, and help encourage and sustain responsible use. To accomplish this, specific roads, trails, and areas open to motor-vehicle use are being designated by class of vehicle and, if appropriate, time of year.

On the GMUG, these changes have been determined for the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre (Mountain and Plateau Divisions) and Gunnison Geographic Areas through public-involvement processes at the local level. Travel plans will designate specific routes and areas for motorized use. Motor-vehicle use off of these routes and outside these areas (cross-country travel) will be prohibited. Violators risk federal fines and points against their hunting licenses. In addition to federal officers, Colorado Division of Wildlife officers are also authorized to issue tickets to enforce these regulations.

Motorized users are responsible for knowing which roads, trails and areas are open to their use under the new regulations. This information is depicted on motor vehicle use maps (MVUMS) updated annually and free to the public (see "maps and publications" on this website). Please review the Travel Management pamphlet for specific information about the GMUG (on this site).



Over-snow motorized recreation, such as snowmobile use, will not be affected by the new regulations.